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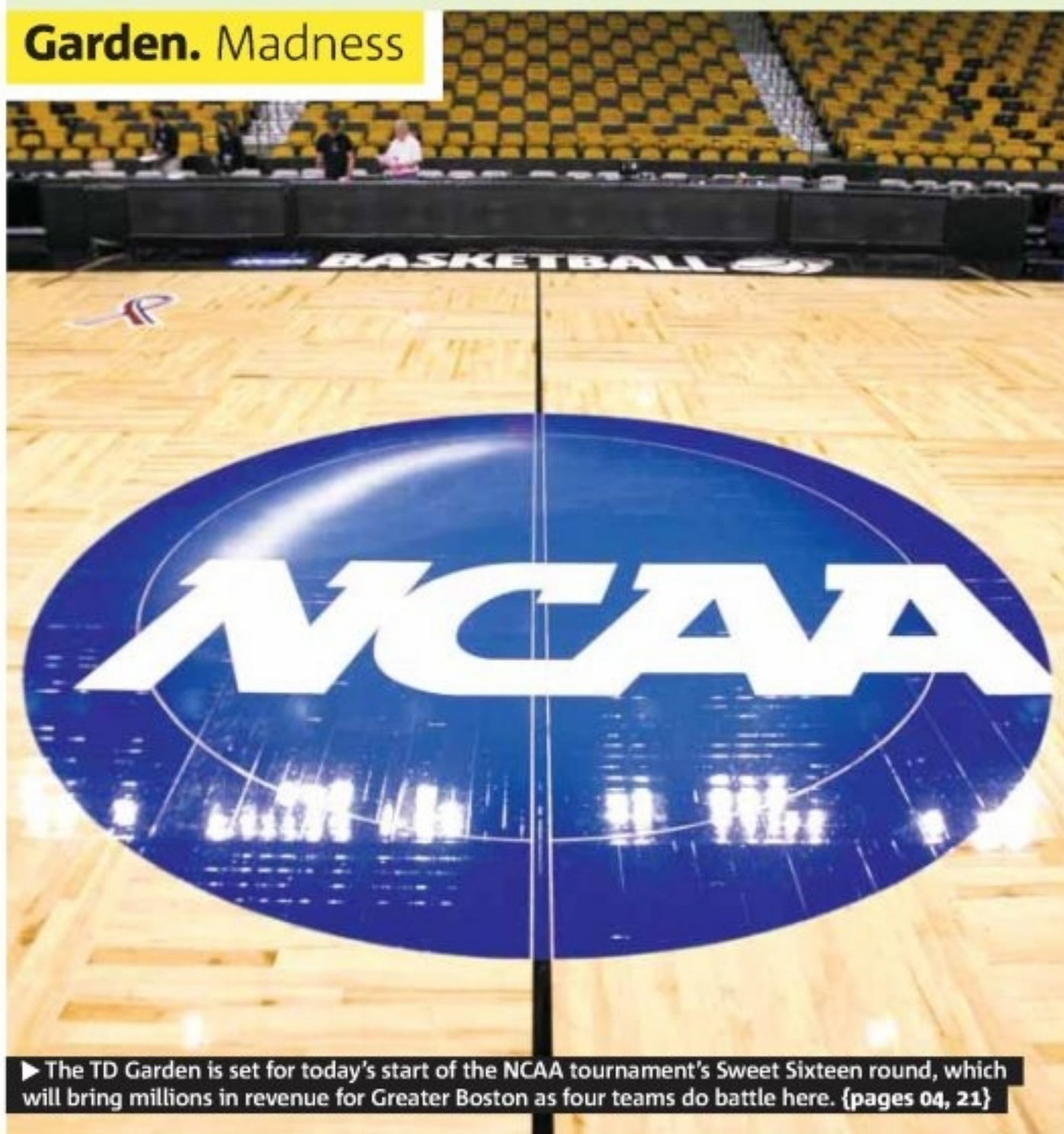


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In the news

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Jurors in the Mattapan massacre trial will continue their deliberations today - the seventh day they have considered their verdict. The jury, which is weighing the fate of two men accused of fatally shooting four people in 2010, told the judge yesterday that they were still deadlocked. The judge asked them to vote on whether they could continue to deliberate and they said yes. ● METRO

Today's local tweet



"WTF are there heaters on the Green Line?! And even if there's a reason for having them why would they be on today?! #mbta #sweaty-commute"

@JOSHAZAKIM ON THE OVERLY SWEATY MORNING COMMUTE TO BOSTON YESTERDAY AS TEMPERATURES NEARLY HIT 80-DEGREES.

BU suspends sorority for alleged hazing

BOSTON. Boston University officials suspended the Sigma Delta Tau sorority from participating in on campus activities after an alleged hazing incident involving alcohol.

According to the Daily Free Press, BU's student paper, campus police called an ambulance for two women after they stopped three men carrying members of the sorority down Ashford Street in Allston several weeks ago.

The sorority is being investigated. ● METRO



Brockton man gets national medal

BROCKTON. A 20-year-old Brockton man was one of 21 people throughout the country who were given a national award for risking their lives to save others.

Nathan Yassen received the Carnegie Medal, the organization said yesterday.

Yassen saved his 97-year-old neighbor last year when her home caught fire.

Both of them were treated for smoke inhalation at a hospital and recovered. ● METRO

Officials nix lobster game

FRAMINGHAM. Health inspectors recently cited a Framingham eatery that installed a claw machine game in which patrons could attempt to catch a live lobster.

The owner of Angry Ham's Garage said he would now remove the machine, according to the MetroWest Daily News.

Patrons paid \$3 to attempt to catch their dinner. ● METRO

Occupy Boston budding with warm weather

► Group has plans for reoccupation, but mayor's office says that could lead to arrests ► March ends in arrests

Occupy Boston is "out of hibernation" according to one of the group's members, and they have plans to reoccupy, although when and where remains a mystery.

"We budgeted a certain amount of money for [reoccupying] and we have a tactical group putting something together," said Robin Jacks, one of the group's founders.

But Mayor Thomas Menino won't stand for the group reclaiming public land.

"The mayor has always maintained that he sympathizes and appreciates the message that Occupy Boston is trying to convey," said Dot Joyce, a spokeswoman for Menino's office. "However, we will not allow public spaces to be taken over indefinitely."

Joyce said anybody breaking city laws will be arrested and cited according to those laws.

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DOT JOYCE, SPOKESWOMAN FOR MAYOR THOMAS MENINO

"We don't want to take anything over, we just want to protest in a public space," said Jacks, in response to the mayor's statement.

Police have clashed with protesters already as Occupiers have taken to the streets for various marches to express what they said are their

First Amendment rights to free speech and public assembly.

Boston police spokesman Officer James Kenneally said units were stationed at the Federal Reserve building Tuesday night where protesters were located for a short time.

Kenneally said two members of the group were later arrested for "being disorderly" at the Pearl Street park — the same place hundreds were arrested last October when occupiers tried to expand their encampment.

"They were seen climbing on and to the top of a piece of artwork in that area," he said.

Jacks said the arrests followed a march "for women's rights," which started with around 100 protesters and dwindled toward the end of the evening.

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A rocky start to spring

BOSTON. Occupier Robin Jacks is weary of where things could go with officers as more marches are planned and a possible reoccupation is in the works.

Jacks said a recent interaction with cops "didn't bode well" and she alleged officers called protesters "morons" and "1 percenters."

"If things continue to escalate on their end, I do have fears [about the relationship]," she said.

City Hall Plaza. Entertainment



► Mayor Thomas Menino, right, pushed the button to help crews raise the circus tent.

Big Apple Circus raises the roof in Hub

The tent rose on City Hall Plaza yesterday, signifying the return of the Big Apple Circus. The 63-foot-tall tent is supported by 98 side poles and can accommodate 1,600 people. Shows begin Thursday and last through May 13. ● METRO

Cops: BC player recorded roommate's sex

BOSTON. A Boston College football player has been suspended from the team and appeared in court yesterday for allegedly recording his roommate having sex with a female graduate student.

Jaryd Rudolph, a junior from Plympton, pleaded not guilty to making the illegal recording.

Rudolph allegedly recorded the couple using his cell phone last month.

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"The student was issued a summary suspension at the time of the allegation and remains on University probation."

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Ups and downs



Harvard ROTC

Harvard University is fit for those in uniform. The school announced yesterday that it signed an agreement with the United States Army to re-establish a formal on-campus relationship with the Army Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. As part of the deal, the Army's professor of military science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology will hold office hours and provide onsite mentoring to cadets. Harvard hopes the partnership will lead to access for students to the leadership and training opportunities the program offers. ● METRO



Steven Grossman

State Treasurer Steven Grossman's former challenger isn't letting up. Karyn Polito said yesterday that she wants Grossman to take down an ad that she said portrays a falsehood against her and has threatened to sue him, according to The Boston Globe. The ad was based on Globe stories about Polito's obtaining low number Red Sox license plates for her and friends. Grossman offered a rebuttal yesterday and said that if she turns in the license plate, he will take down the ad, according to the Globe. ● METRO

Tourney brings big bucks to Bay State

Boston-area basketball teams may not have qualified for the NCAA tournament, but hosting the Sweet Sixteen in the Hub will bring a boom to local businesses.

Patrick Moscaritolo, president of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, said March Madness will put between \$18 and \$22 million into the city's economy through fans, members of the four teams and alumni associations spending cash.

"We have lucked out. It's coming at such a great time because the middle of March isn't the strongest season for visitor activity," he said. "For our tourism industry, this is all found money — money pouring in at just the right time."

The NCAA men's basketball tournament, which kicks off today at TD Garden and stretches through Saturday, is

"Tickets have gone from \$150 all the way to about \$500. ... The demand will skyrocket from the two schools who end up squaring off on Saturday."

JIM HOLZMAN,
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expected to bring more than 8,000 tourists from around the country to Boston.

But Moscaritolo said the draw to the city is more than a two-day sporting event.

"The teams started arriving Monday and NCAA officials were here since Sunday. It's really a seven- or eight-day event," he said.

The cash flow ripples out



beyond the city lines and even helps areas like Cambridge.

Moscaritolo said eight hotels, including two across the Charles River, are housing the groups of sports fans.

In addition to attending the games and staying at hotels, visitors will flock to restaurants and bars, and they'll likely hit tourist attractions during downtime between events.

Bar biz bound for boost

It's "all hands on deck" at The Greatest Bar as they ready to host an official NCAA-sponsored event today.

Owner Bill Fairweather said having the basketball games nearby is like having the Super Bowl at the TD Garden.

"One game makes all the difference in the world — having two is that much better," he said. "People are already staking out where they want to go and we are the center of the universe down here."

A general manager at Game On next to Fenway Park said they have seen an influx in bar-goers.

"It's good to have ... during a lull. It helps out the entire city," said Ryan Jones.



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► Reader challenge: E-mail us factual evidence of Obama's Oval Office liberalism: Actual, real-world policies he has pursued that you think paint him as liberal.

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The American right, tripping over itself to brand President Obama the most radically leftist black man since Jesus Christ himself, always misses the fact that Obama is just about as liberal as he is genetically black: About half, give or take.

Which half, you ask? Well, when you compare Obama to any prominent Republican politician, he comes off looking particularly progressive.

In the same way that when you contrast the president's human rights record with that of the Great Lord Of The Underworld, Satan himself, Obama appears downright godly.

It's a consequence of the extreme polarization of politics that any time we criticize Republicans we are angrily accused, in reader letters and on www.metro.us, of working for Team Obama. But this is not a defense of Obama; quite the opposite, in fact. This is a defense of facts. To wit:

Obama's signature legislative accomplishment, the Affordable Care Act, is a repackaging of corporatist right-wing ideas (opposed only because it's politically expedient for Republicans to tank any possible presidential successes); in passing it, Obama undermined actually progressive plans like single-payer and the public option.

His foreign policy re-upped the imperial excesses

of the Bush era in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Libya and elsewhere. At home, he's expanded the Patriot Act and increased the reach of executive powers, claiming the right of the president to execute American citizens.

Obama packed his cabinet full of bank alums, pushing financial bailouts with few conditions; no one on Wall Street has been prosecuted. He has extended the Bush tax cuts, and nearly agreed to Republican proposals to seriously gut Medicare and other social programs. He doesn't support gay marriage. He doesn't back Occupy Wall Street and has moved to criminalize protest.

In sum, there is overwhelming evidence to conclude that Obama is anything but a liberal. He is, rather, a Democrat.

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He said, we said

"Stimulus was supposed to be quick. In fact, they never intended to spend it and will not completely have effectively spent it until after the president's re-elect. Always looking at how do you get the maximum hit when the president was up for re-elect."

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Kony director had 'psychosis' when detained naked: Wife



► Jason Russell was detained by police in San Diego last week.

The director of a video calling for the arrest of fugitive Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony was suffering from "brief reactive psychosis" when he was hospitalized last week in California following reports he was acting bizarrely, his wife said yesterday.

Jason Russell, who directed the 30-minute "Kony 2012" Internet film that went viral earlier this month, was detained by police in San Diego last week after witnesses reported a man in "various stages of undress" who was "acting bizarrely, running into traffic" in public, police said.

"Jason's incident was in no way the result of drugs or alcohol in his body. The preliminary diagnosis he received is

called brief reactive psychosis, an acute state brought on by extreme exhaustion, stress and dehydration," Russell's wife, Danica, said in a statement.

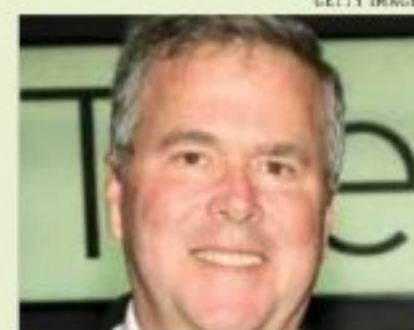
The "Kony 2012" film became an Internet sensation this month, racking up more than 84 million hits on YouTube since it was posted, and thrusting its director into the spotlight.

The video's aim was to wake up the world to the atrocities committed by Ugandan rebel leader Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army, including kidnapping children and forcing them to fight.

The phenomenal success of Russell's video has been hailed for inspiring young people to activism, but has suffered some criticism including that it oversimplified a long-standing human rights crisis.

REUTERS

News in brief



Jeb Bush endorses Romney for GOP

WASHINGTON. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush yesterday endorsed Mitt Romney to be the Republican nominee for president and urged the party to unite behind the former Massachusetts governor as the best choice to unseat President Barack Obama.

"Primary elections have been held in 34 states, and now is the time for Republicans to unite behind Governor Romney and take our message of fiscal conservatism and job creation to all voters this fall,"

Bush, the brother of former President George W. Bush, said in a statement released by his education foundation. **REUTERS**

Gunman: I brought France to its knees

TOULOUSE, FRANCE. A besieged gunman suspected of shooting dead seven people in the name of al-Qaeda boasted to police yesterday he had brought France to its knees and said his only regret was not having been able to carry out his plans for more killings.

In an unfolding drama that has riveted France, about 300 police, some in body armor, cordoned off a five-story building in a suburb of Toulouse where the 24-year-old Muslim shooter, identified as Mohamed Merah, is holed up.

Authorities said Merah, a French citizen of Algerian origin, had been to Pakistan and Afghanistan, where he claimed to have received al-Qaeda training. **REUTERS**



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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) [dorothy.robinson@metro.us](#)



What's the situation with The Situation?

There's something fishy going on with **Michael "The Situation" Sorrentino**, and it's not what you think (I know you're thinking "venereal disease," you dirty, dirty reader, you).

Nope. He's in rehab — but the reasons why are very murky.

Apparently, the "Jersey Shore" star became "dependent on prescription pills to counteract his hard-partying lifestyle, which included illegal substances. Mike was in a vicious cycle of not sleeping because of the illegal substances that he was taking, so he began using prescription pills to help him sleep," a source told RadarOnline. "Mike would refer to the prescription pills as 'downers.' The good news is that he was the one that wanted to get help and checked into rehab. Hopefully with the proper treatment, Mike will be able to lead a sober life."

But his representative has denied all of this, issuing the



Exhausted? From what?

classic "he's suffering from exhaustion" statement: "He is not in rehab for substance abuse. He has spent the last several weeks at an undisclosed location for much-needed rest and recuperation after his extensive production and appearance schedule."

As for Sorrentino, he tweeted Tuesday night: "Don't believe everything you read or hear."

If he is indeed in rehab for substance abuse, doesn't that mean he probably shouldn't be partying so hard when "Jersey Shore" goes back for filming the just-announced sixth season? With **Snookie** not drinking because of her pregnancy and **The Situation** refraining from "hard partying," what is to become of a show that is completely based around its characters getting wasted?

Next thing you know, they're going to start using sunblock.



Burke-Charvet

Burke on her 'DWTS' predictions

Brooke Burke-Charvet was in New York City yesterday for the launch of her short film, "The Difference is Clear" for Claritin. In between chatting with her about runny noses, we got the chance to talk with the co-host of "Dancing with the Stars" about the new season.

"There were so many great dancers Monday night. It's really the first time that we've seen that level of dancing so soon,"

she told us about the show's premiere. "We've never had 9s ever on a premiere, so it's a tough one." As for who she sees as early standouts? "There was a handful of people that did really well that I think are better than our semifinals that we've had in the past. **Jaleel White** did great, I think **Donald [Driver]** might creep up and be a dark horse. **Katherine [Jenkins]** did amazing. Everybody's talking about **William Levy**. Hard to tell, everybody was great."

— **Meredith Engel**

Depp and Olsen: What?!

According to *In Touch* magazine, **Johnny Depp** was "hunkered down" in **Ashley Olsen's** apartment for 24 hours in February. "It was quiet in her apartment, like it was just the two of them in there," an insider

recalls. "It didn't seem like it was just a visit between friends." Whatever they were up to during their overnighter, it certainly left Johnny exhausted. When the star finally left the next day, "he looked like he was out of it," an onlooker said. Johnny Depp look out of it? You don't say!

Talking points

Witherspoon is expecting baby No. 3!

Reese Witherspoon is reportedly pregnant with her third child — and first with husband **Jim Toth**, according to *Us Weekly*. "Reese is right around 12 weeks," a source explains, adding that Witherspoon is "not planning to announce it." But it's all said to be part of the plan for the couple, who tied the knot last year. "Jim and



Witherspoon

Reese have been trying to get pregnant," a source says. "The timing is right. She's so happy." Witherspoon also has a 12-year-old daughter, **Ava**, and an 8-year-old son, **Deacon**, with ex-husband **Ryan Phillippe**.

Simpson: Get this baby outta here!

Jessica Simpson is set to give birth any day now — and she's looking forward to getting it over with. "I'm not sleeping very well," Simpson tells *People* magazine. "She moves all the time. I had a great pregnancy, but I'm ready for it to be over." Simpson is even a little worried

about how big her unborn daughter is getting. "At this point, I'm really ready," she says. "If we have a 10-pounder, pray for me!"

Gere dismisses 'Pretty Woman'

A lot of people still love **Julia Roberts'** career-launching "Pretty Woman," but co-star **Richard Gere** is not one of them. "It's my least favorite thing," Gere tells *Women's Day* magazine. "People ask me about [it], but I've forgotten it. That was a silly romantic comedy." Beyond being silly, Gere thinks the film may have actually done some



Gere

damage, given how his rich-guy character was received. "[Pretty Woman] made [guys like Edward] seem dashing, which was so wrong," Gere explains. "Thankfully, today we are all more skeptical of those guys."

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The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joan Rivers is coping with aging. **Jessica Alba** could use a pick-me-up. **Jared Leto** is fine without sunshine and **Conan O'Brien** is bracing for an awkward parenting moment.

@Joan_Rivers

So depressing. I can't believe I turned 78. I don't feel 76. I guess we all turn 74 eventually. Oh well, 72 is just a number...

@jessicaalba

Coffee please

@jaredleto

I love a nice cool rainy day. You?

@ConanOBrien

At some point, I'm going to have to tell my kids they're not adopted. They'll be crushed.



Leto



Motley Crue and KISS unite, Nicole Richie and SJP take flight

1. Nicole Richie (and her enormous bag) was spotted at Miami International Airport on Tuesday.

2. Sarah Jessica Parker and son James Wilke Broderick arrived at Narita International Airport on Tuesday in Narita, Japan.

3. Musicians Tommy Thayer, Gene Simmons, Eric Singer, Paul Stanley, Vince Neil, Nikki Sixx, Mick Mars and Tommy Lee posed onstage to announce their upcoming Motley Crue and KISS co-headlining tour at the Hollywood

Roosevelt Hotel on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

4. Kevin Smith promoted "Tough Sh-t: Life Advice from a Fat, Lazy Slob Who Did Good" at Bookends Bookstore on Tuesday in Ridgewood, N.J.

5. Pianist Lang Lang rehearsed on stage at Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday in London.

6. The Muppets were honored

with the 2,466th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in front of the El Capitan Theatre on Tuesday in Hollywood.

7. Christina Hendricks posed after ringing the opening bell with the cast of "Mad Men" at the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

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One 'Touch' creates a thousand ripples

► Kiefer Sutherland returns to TV in the emotional drama that explores the global ties that bind us ► 'There is no small moment,' says the actor

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► Martin (Kiefer Sutherland, right) tries to communicate with Jake (David Mazouz) on "Touch." The series premieres in its regular time slot tonight at 9 on Fox.

If Kiefer Sutherland wanted to play a role as far away from "24" hero Jack Bauer as possible, he may have found it on the new Fox drama "Touch."

As Martin Bohm, a working-class widower struggling to provide for his son, 11-year-old Jake, Sutherland is all desperation and heart where Bauer was fearless and stoic.

"The character was so vastly different, and the tone of the piece was so vastly different, that that was part of [the 'Touch' script's] appeal," Sutherland admits. But pulling a 180 on his résumé wasn't the

only draw.

"I had to read it a second time to make sure that all of the things that were affecting me were affecting me on a personal level as opposed to trying to manage a career," he says. "And the second pass had a profound effect on me. Does it happen to also be a nice diversion from '24'? Yes. But I believe, honestly, that the reason that I made the choice was because it spoke to me."

Part of what, well, touched the actor was the central relationship between father and son. All of those tender qualities we're not used to seeing

the actor portray are heightened when it's revealed that Jake is gifted — he is able to identify the patterns connecting everyone and everything in the world — but he is emotionally challenged, unable speak, and he refuses to let anyone, even his dad, touch him.

"The real driving force for my character is to just simply communicate with his son," Sutherland says. "He wants to have as normal a relationship as he possibly can with his son, which I think every parent can relate to."

As the father of two daughters — and grandfather to two

It's all connected

Jake is able to see the interconnected nature of the world and, with his father's help, makes sure there are no snares in the web that weaves together our lives. It's a premise that gives "Touch" a message of hope.

"This show ... explains that things happen for a reason," Sutherland says. "Very much like the wildebeest that is stung by a bee in the Serengeti and starts a stampede and creates a dust cloud that rises and carries over two continents and starts a storm in the Gulf, there is a cause and effect to everything. And I think, just on a fantastical level, why I chose to do this show, there's something wonderfully comforting about thinking that everything has a purpose and that there is no small moment."

boys — Sutherland says, "I don't think anybody has a child and doesn't want the best for that child and doesn't want to be the best they can possibly be for that child. Martin is never going to have the perfect, idyllic relationship with his son," he explains, "and so there is a circumstance, a kind of weight on both characters where they just will never completely win. And that is something that I am drawn to certainly as an actor."

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TV watch list

'Project Runway'

REALITY. Mondo Guerra has a second shot at the title he should have won in Season 8. (He's up against fellow all-stars Michael Costello and Austin Scarlett in tonight's finale.) Don't get it wrong this time, Klum. Season finale, 9 p.m., Lifetime



► "Project Runway"

'American Idol'

REALITY. The final 10 are revealed when one singer is sent packing tonight. 8 p.m., Fox

'The Secret Circle'

DRAMA. Cassie and Adam learn that their love is cursed. Like, lit-

erally cursed. Because they're witches. 9 p.m., The CW

'Community'

COMEDY. Jeff's narcissism reaches new heights. Funny, we didn't realize it hadn't already hit the ceiling. 8 p.m., NBC
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Must-see

1 'The Hunger Games' Potter and the sparkly vamps had their time. Now, a post-apocalyptic teenage huntress takes center stage as a warrior in her country's annual "Hunger Games," in which two teens from each of the 12 districts must fight to the death in an elaborate game that is broadcast to all of Panem.



Jennifer Lawrence, as Katniss Everdeen, gets escorted by Peacekeepers in "The Hunger Games."

10 reasons to hit the movies

2 '21 Jump Street' Based on the '80s TV series, this one stars Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum as two police officers who go undercover in an attempt to bust a high school drug ring.

3 'Jeff, Who Lives at Home' By now, you'd think we'd be sick of seeing Jason Segel play a manchild. And yet, we're not at all.

4 'John Carter' Taylor Kitsch plays a Civil War vet who can't catch a break: He ends up on Mars and is taken prisoner by giants.

5 'A Thousand Words' Eddie Murphy angers a spiritual guru, inciting a curse that gives him only 1,000 words to speak before he dies.

6 'Silent House' This haunted house horror flick tells the story of a father and daughter renovating a cottage — until the weird noise coming from the top floor becomes the priority.

7 'Project X' High school nerds conquer all by throwing a rager.

8 'Dr. Seuss' The Lorax' Zac Efron and Ed Helms voice the central characters of the beloved children's story about the extinction of the "truffula trees."

9 'Wanderlust' A couple goes in search of an unconventional life on a hippie commune.

10 'Good Deeds' A successful man, named Deeds, is jolted out of his predictable existence by doing, you guessed it, good deeds.

Will Ferrell bares all

► We're talking about his soul, yes — but also his butt
► You can see for yourself in theaters this weekend

For the duration of his new movie, "Casa de Mi Padre," Will Ferrell speaks only in Spanish — the entire movie is subtitled. Fittingly clad in a powder blue country Western shirt ("It's got a little bit of a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader feel to it," he says), he spoke with us about his career, his kids and his famous rear end.

You have a nude scene in this film, and this is the second time that you're showing moviegoers your butt. What is it about your tush that you think audiences can't get enough of?

Honestly, I just was serving the script, No. 1. But No. 2, I think it's a funny-looking butt. It's a comedy butt. It was just a great opportunity to make fun of the stereotypical passion scene. Also, on a deeper level, we're so body-image conscious — why not show that we all have normal-looking bodies? It's kind of a way to just go, it's not that big a deal.

Your character, Armando, steps out of the shadows and finds his machismo in this film. Can you pinpoint a time in your life when you really came into your own?

That's a tough question only because I don't sit back and reflect in that way of like, "Yeah, I really came into my own." I don't know what that moment would have been. I think if you're doing comedy, I don't know if you ever really reach that feeling of like, "I've got it down." I think there's always a place of fear within you where you're like, "God, I hope this works." Getting on "Saturday Night Live" maybe was a little moment of that, but then you have to prove yourself on "Saturday Night Live." Then you leave the show and you test your waters in the movie world, and this business is getting harder and harder.

Will you let your kids see this movie?

You know, my 5-year-old could watch it because he doesn't read, but my 8-year-old, I don't know if he could see it because he'd be like, "Wait, I think I saw the F-word!" But it is kind of vi-

In this film, you speak Spanish, you ride a horse and you play the trumpet. What other special skills do you have that audiences don't know about?

That was not me [on the horse]. A couple times it was, where it slowly walked away, but any sort of big riding [wasn't]. But it looks good! That was me mimicking playing the trumpet. I can juggle knives, that's pretty cool, skeet shoot ... no, I don't know what other secret abilities I have.

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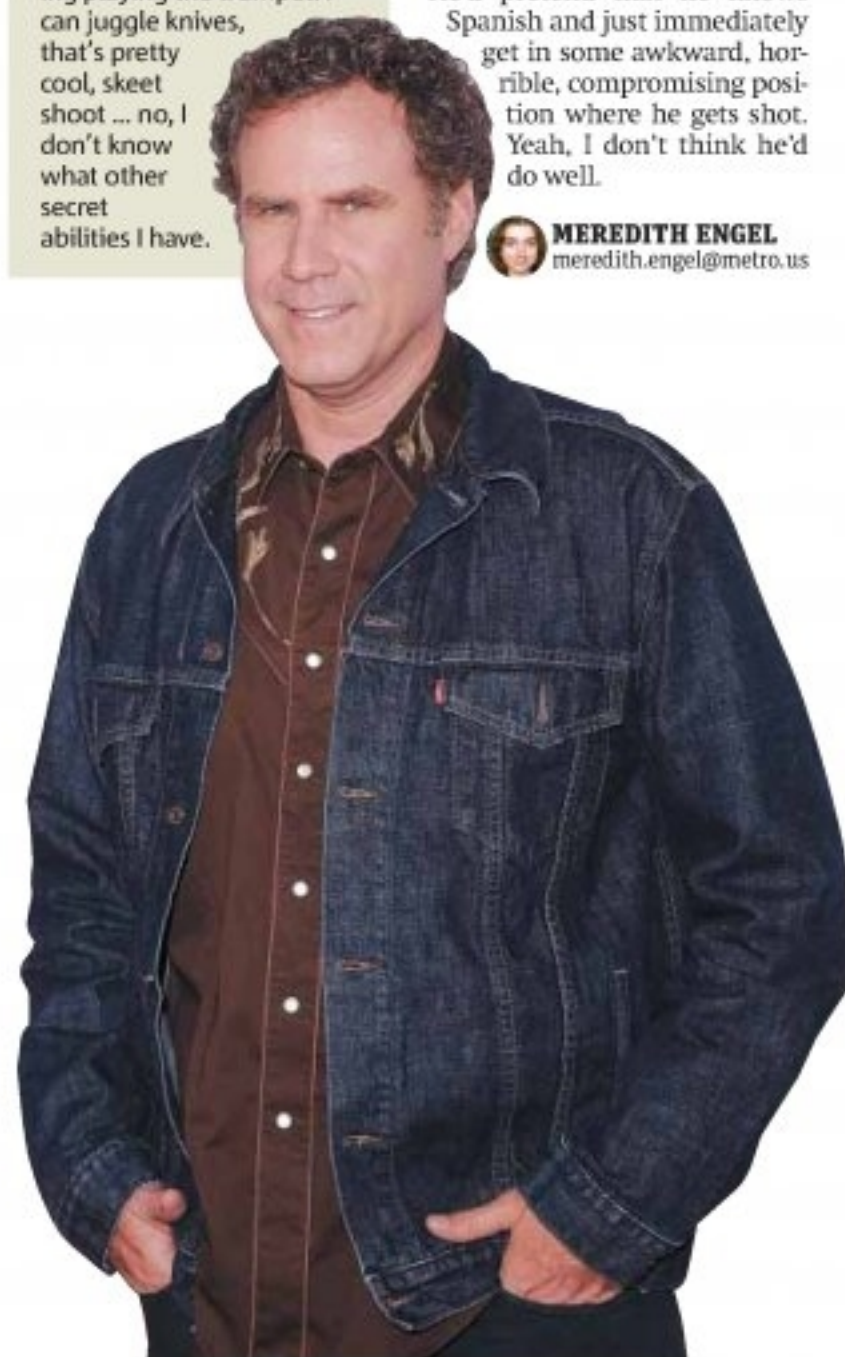
Are you the kind of dad who monitors what his kids watch?

A little bit, but ... I just don't have the impulse to be like, "Do you wanna watch one of daddy's movies?" I waited for them to bring up "Elf." If they're like, "I heard about this one thing you did, can I see it?" I'm like, "Yeah, OK, we can watch it." But I never wanted to be like, "Look at me."

This movie is being described as "Anchorman"-meets-telenovela. How would Ron Burgundy fare in this world?

Probably horribly, because there's no way Burgundy knows any other languages. He'd pretend that he knows Spanish and just immediately get in some awkward, horrible, compromising position where he gets shot. Yeah, I don't think he'd do well.

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MYTHS ABOUT MEN

Women have a lot of assumptions when it comes to male dating behavior, but one author investigated by just asking guys what they thought
The results will surprise you

Dating can be a confusing, nerve-wracking experience, and women may believe certain "truths" about men in order to get some sense of security: "Men are biologically driven to cheat," "men are scared of commitment" and "men care about looks more than anything else" are a few favorites. But sex and dating expert Amber Madison refused to believe that all of these assumptions were absolutes. To investigate, she traveled to 10 cities and interviewed thousands of men to answer the question, "Are all guys a--holes?" Her book by that very name offers a surprising answer. Here are a few of Madison's findings:

Guys only care about sex.

"Seventy-three percent of guys said their primary interest in women was someone to have



Amber Madison

More myths

Guys want to make the first move.

"Fifty percent of guys said a girl making the first move was a turn-on, 45 percent don't care either way and only 5 percent think it's 'too aggressive.'"

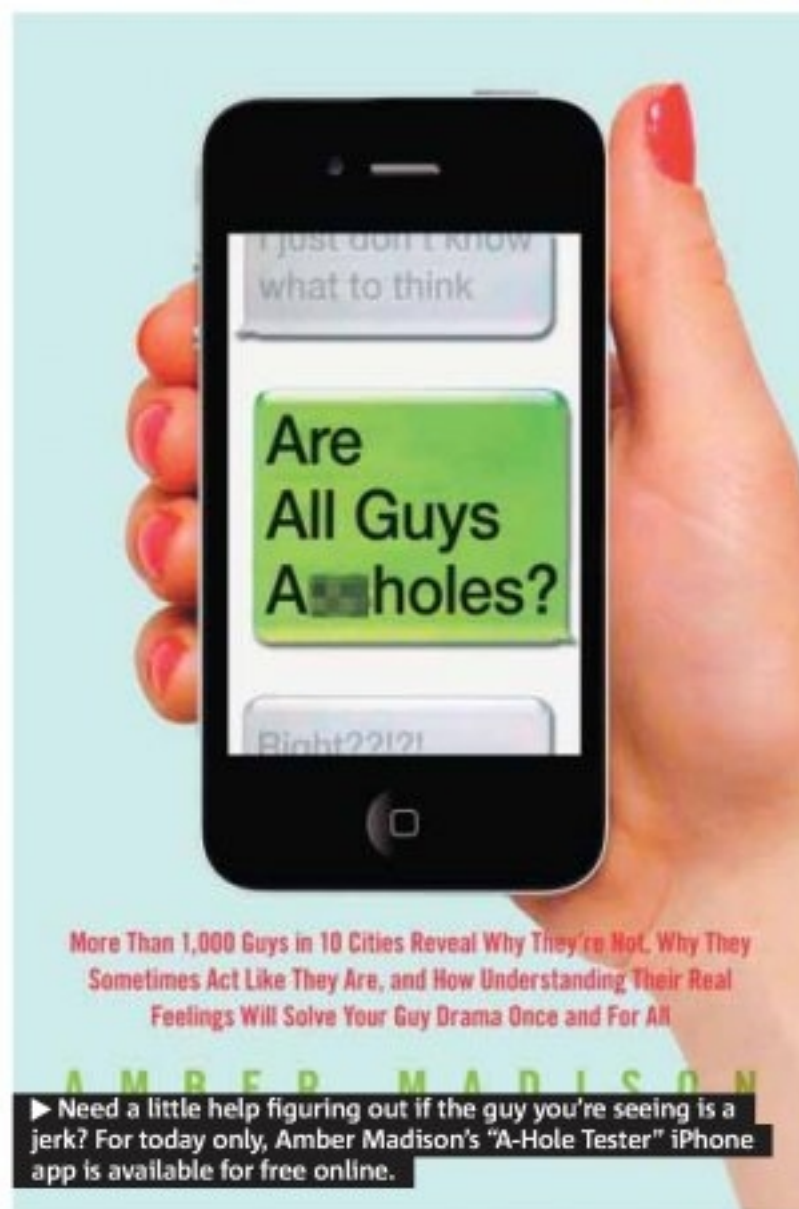
a long-term relationship with. Eight percent said sex, and 18 percent said short-term companionship/dating," she says.

Guys you meet in bars are sleazy.

"True, guys you meet in bars are in a sleazy frame of mind—they're more likely to stretch the truth in order to get you in bed. But they are just as likely to want to find a girlfriend and get married as guys not in bars," Madison says. "Sex may be their priority at the moment but it's not their priority in general."

Guys care about looks more than anything else.

"Only 30 percent of guys gave looks a five (on a one to five scale of importance), while many more gave humor, intelligence, being caring and ambi-



More Than 1,000 Guys in 10 Cities Reveal Why They're Not. Why They Sometimes Act Like They Are, and How Understanding Their Real Feelings Will Solve Your Guy Drama Once and For All

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tion a five," she says.

It's a bad sign when a guy doesn't kiss you at the end of a first date.

"Only 19 percent say they don't kiss a girl after a date because they didn't like her," the author explains. "Thirty-four percent said they didn't because it might be too forward, 21 percent said they didn't have the

opportunity and 12 percent said they wussed out."

Guys don't want to get married.

"Ninety-five percent of guys say they want to get married someday. They talk or think about marriage a lot."

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How can parents help transfer these skills into the classroom? ACA suggests the following tips:

- **Remember to remind**
When campers come home, they often keep the spirit of camp alive for a week or two, and then things trail off. Remind campers that you appreciate the positive attitude and willingness to help that they developed at camp.
- **Become camp-like**
Families can set the example by demonstrating a willingness to change something at home in

order to sustain some of the changes campers have made.

- **Everyone gets a say**
At camp, children help determine how their day is spent. Their advice is actively sought, and they feel like equal players. Emulating this environment at home allows them to continue to stand up for themselves and feel like a contributing member of the household.
- **Avoid the negative compliment**
Don't inadvertently sabotage efforts by pointing out differences in behavior. Instead of saying, "You never did this before," praise the behaviors in a genuine way. For example, "I noticed how patient you were with your little brother."
- **Remember school**
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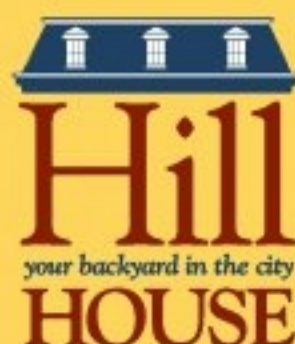
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But they have a distinctive academic edge, combining traditional outdoor activities with educational programs designed to fit children's year-round curriculums.

Camp providers know there is no such thing as the typical child — which is why they offer a wide range of options for aca-

Get online

Among the best websites for further information are www.howtolearn.com and www.camp.findthebest.com. Local and state listings for academic camps are found on the website of the American Camp Association: www.acacamps.org.

ademic summer camps. Everything from day and resident camps are available, to multi-day or multi-week stays.

Some academic camps charge fees, some are free. Some camps are run by schools, so the relationship between camp and academic activity is formal and measured.

In other cases, camps simply match their local state's educa-

tional standards in what they offer.

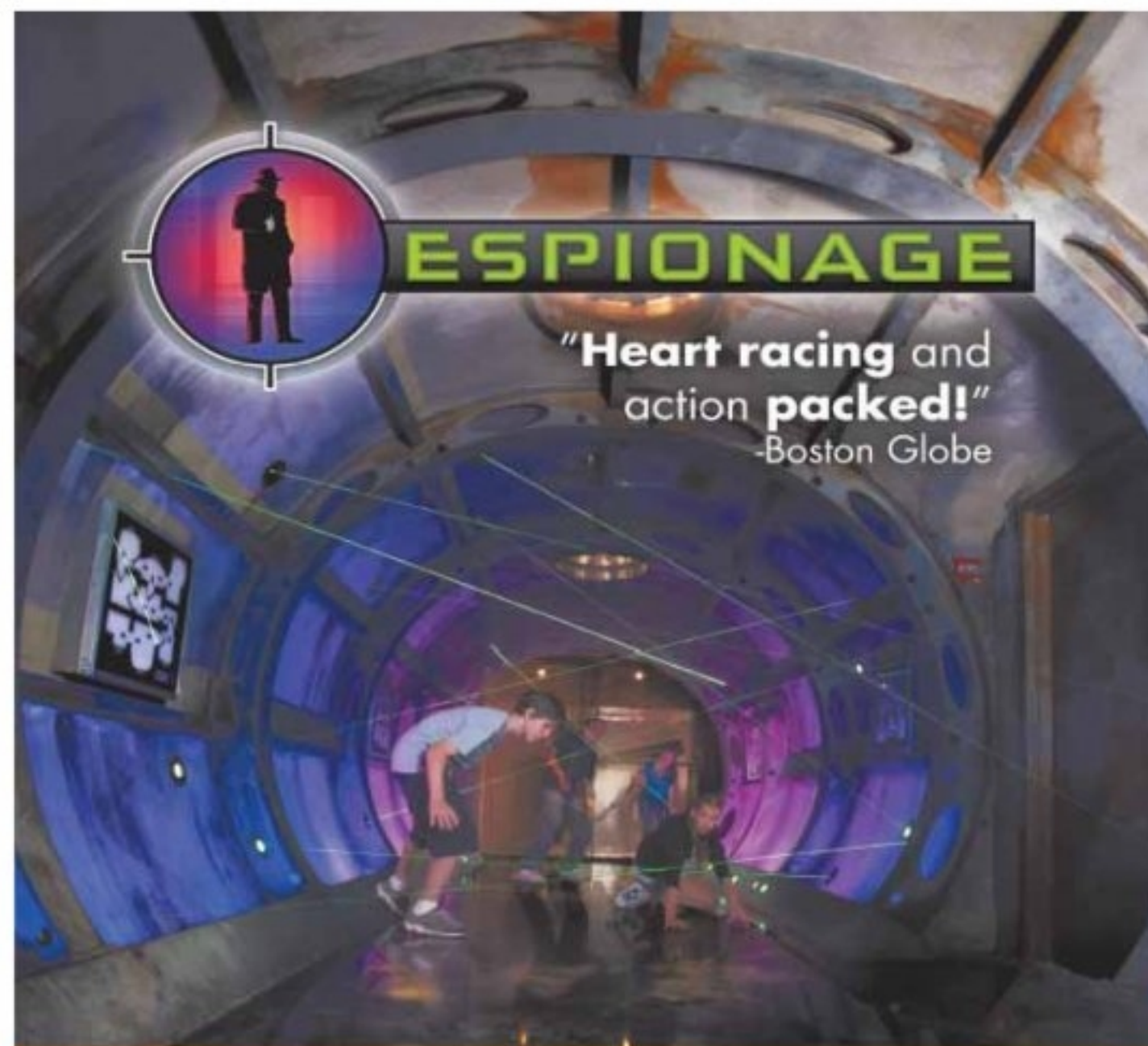
Some academic camps can fill in gaps left by year-round education.

Camps teach specifically to academic subjects, some prepare children for SAT tests, others prepare children for kindergarten or, for older children, focus on leadership skills.

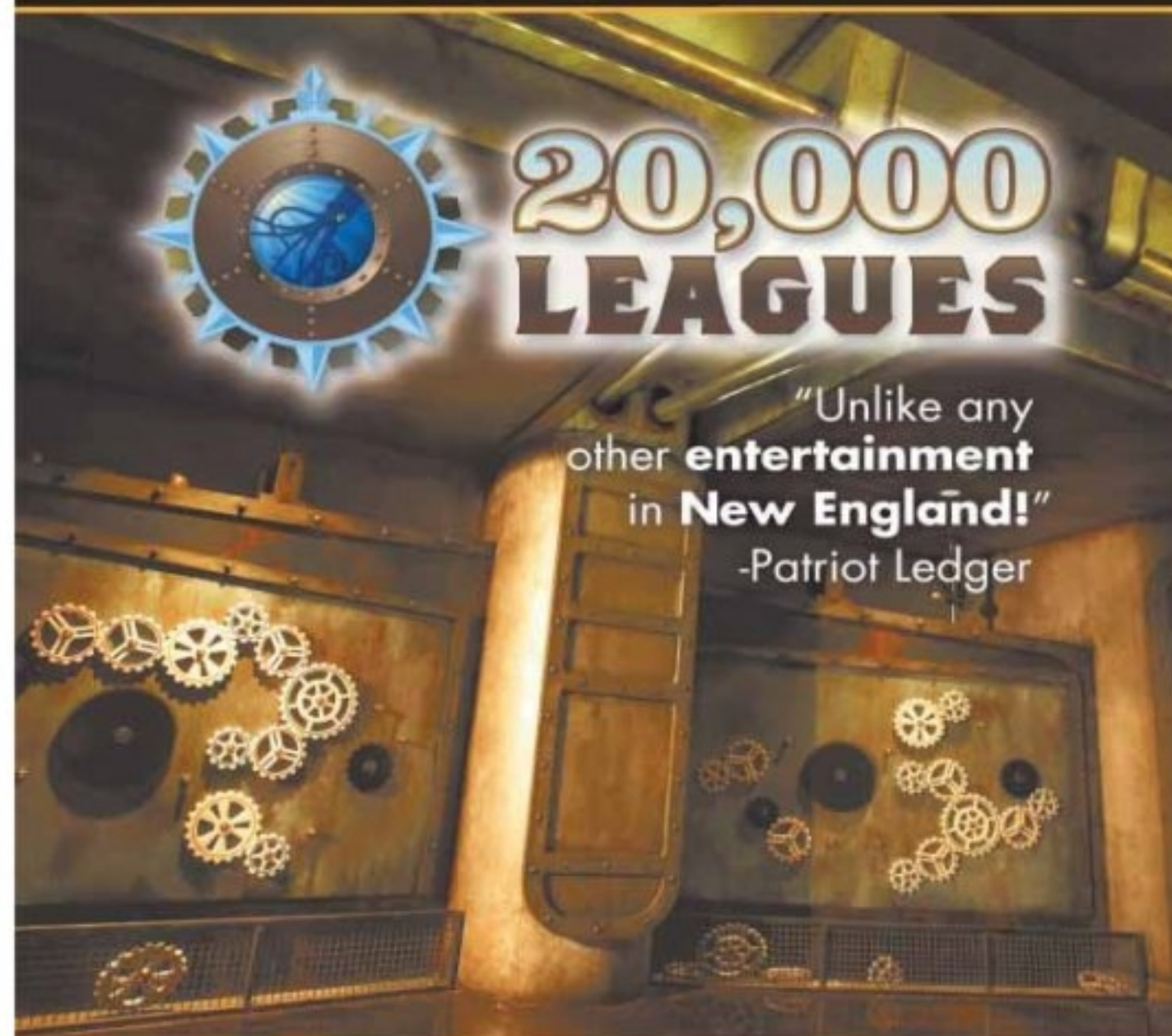
Camps focus on improving learning techniques or teaching kids how to stay focused on a subject they find dull or unappealing.

But the time to act is now. In a globalized world, as American parents understand the need for a high standard of basic education, demand for places at academic camps has risen sharply.

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Two-state solution for left and right

At this point of the "culture war," I am willing to give the two-state solution a go. Put the Nanny State proponents on one side and the Tea Party supporters on the other. Those that feel that some people are smarter than the majority of the herd, and thus should "manage" the rest of us, please step to the left side. Those that support government mandated "equality of outcome," government distribution of resources and, of course, those with their hands out — those who wish to punish achievement and reward dependence — should go that way as well. Those that want to micromanage the military but would never serve a day in uniform, those that see our nation's history

as a litany of sins and those who can't wait to apologize for just about everything our nation has ever done: Please pick a side and I'll go to the other. I can see it now, the left side, a collection of academics who couldn't manage a church bake sale and a bunch of occupying loafers who couldn't be bothered!

JOSHUA TORDOFF, VIA E-MAIL

Health care cuts to fund rich windfall?!

RE: "GOP: CUT HEALTH CARE, TAXES ON RICH": Republican House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan is at it again: \$3 trillion in tax breaks for corporations and the top 1 percent. And where does he want to cut? Health care, food stamps and tax credits for the poor. Vote Republican, or have one of your servants vote for you; or vote

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ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL

Politicians run their elections on the premise of Christian values. Yet they want to cut Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and unemployment all while lowering taxes for big business and the rich. If you're a Christian, ask yourself and them these questions. If Jesus were running for president what would he do? Cut health care for the elderly and poor? No! He healed the sick. Cut food stamps for the elderly, poor and out of work? No! He fed the hungry. Give tax breaks and loopholes for the rich to line their pockets with more gold? No! These politicians should stop taking Jesus' name in vain.

NANCY WARD, VIA E-MAIL

Thanks for the article doing the math on the Ryan budget plan. It makes sense for those who have inherited wealth and can live on it — or for the kings of industries where deregulation means fast and fabulous profits — to vote Republican. One more piece of evidence that this crew are masters at putting things in terms that get people to vote against their interests.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

Prohibition: We can all get behind it

It's been said before, but it bears repeating: Prohibition is a disaster. We have a model for effective drug policy in tobacco. Tobacco smoking has been gradually declining for decades. Prohibition wouldn't have done that. All recreational drugs should be legalized. Marijuana should be about as acceptable as alcohol, and drugs like cocaine and methamphetamine should be subject to policy that would make them lose popularity the way tobacco is.

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Horoscope

Aries March 21-April 19. Even if you are confronted with some unexpected challenges at the last minute, you shouldn't have any trouble handling them. You'll simply stiffen your back and dig in.

Taurus April 20-May 20. Although you aren't likely to have total control over all situations, if one should start to cause you concern you'll figure out what measures to take.

Gemini May 21-June 20. An old project that you've been nursing for some time should not be allowed to go by the wayside just because something new captures your fancy. Give a little attention to each.

Cancer June 21-July 22. A condition that could have a direct influence on your reputation might put you through a delicate balancing act. Be considerate to everybody, and everything will be fine.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Be tolerant of others' contradictory views and opinions; but, by the same token, don't discount the knowledge you've acquired from your own personal experiences.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If you want to collect something that has long been overdue from another, you speak up. The person with whom you're dealing isn't likely to make a move unless you make some noise.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Your partner in an endeavor isn't likely to be as speedy as you are. The individual will be more effective if you let him or her work at a pace that he or she can handle.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Several important objectives can be achieved, but it will take much dedicated effort to accomplish them all. Don't expect any free rides, only a lot of hard work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If you feel inclined to gamble, do so only on your own expertise and talents. Things aren't likely to work out too well if you are depending on another's abilities.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. You'll need a featherlike touch in order to handle a delicate domestic matter that might arise. If you're too stern or heavy-handed about it, you could cause more trouble.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. It's important to not take yourself or events too seriously, because if you appraise situations unrealistically, you'll quickly turn molehills into huge mountains.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. It behooves you to treat your commercial and/or financial affairs more seriously than usual. Don't deliberately be too hard on the other guy; but, by the same token, protect your interests as well. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

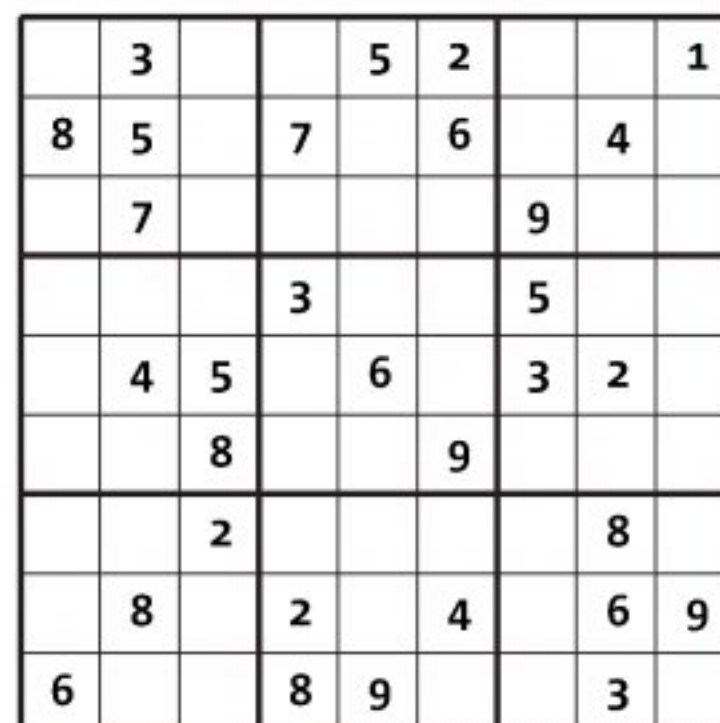
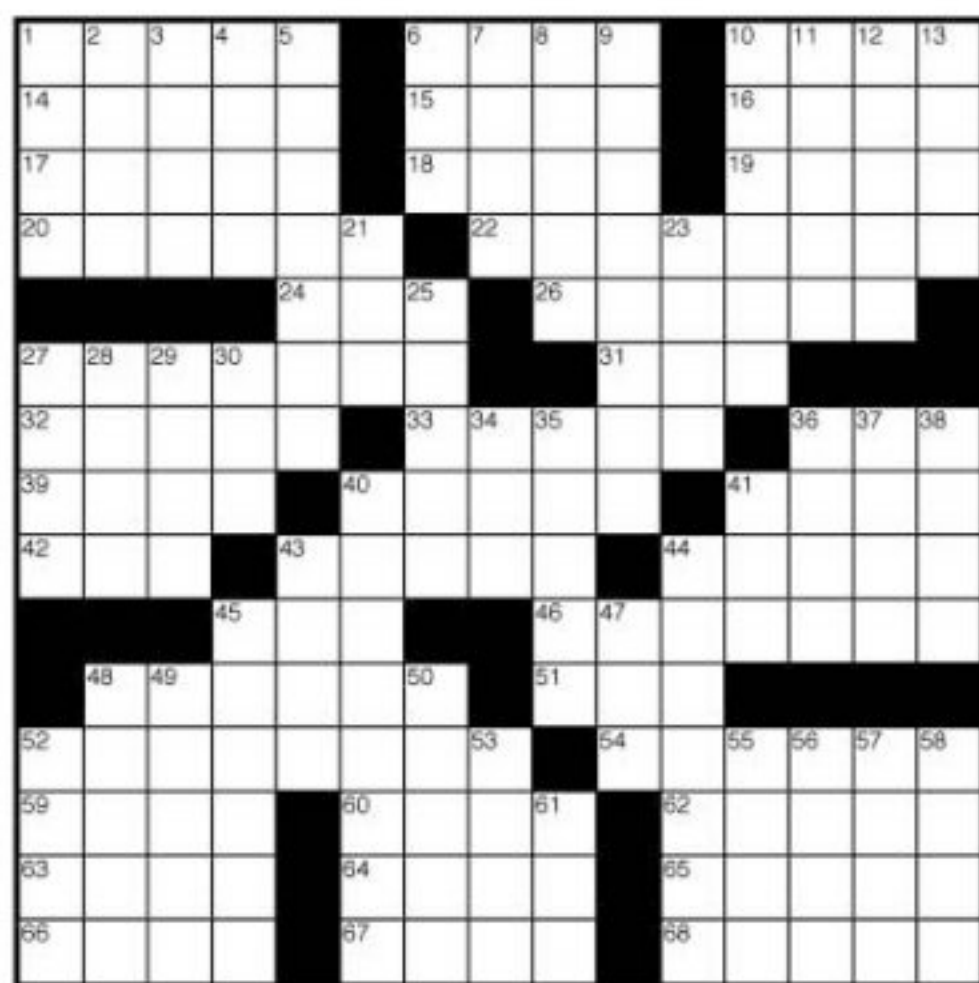
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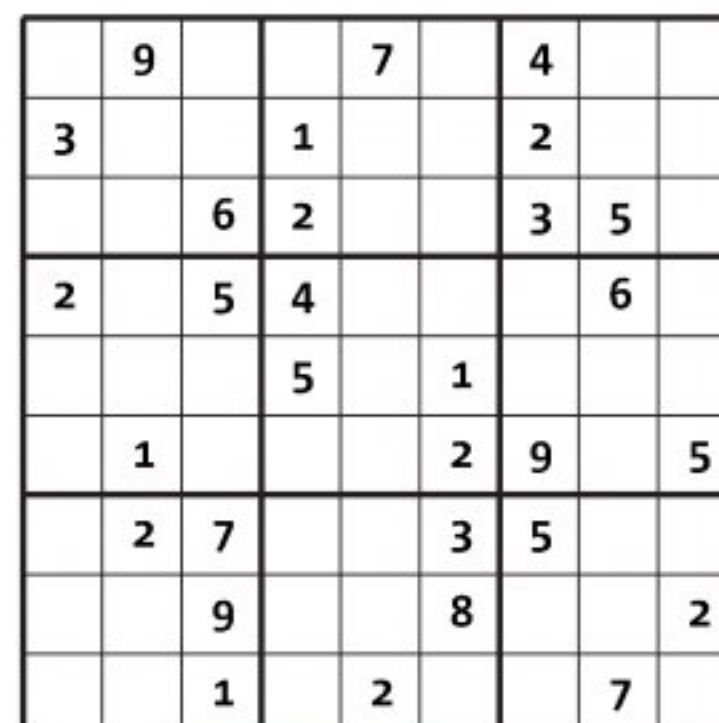
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- 1 Win every game
- 6 Karachi language
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- 14 Show on TV again
- 15 Fearsome cape
- 16 On a rampage
- 17 Incognita
- 18 Pour forth
- 19 Deli-scale word
- 20 Tack on
- 22 Made much of
- 24 Salary limit
- 26 Male ducks
- 27 Deli sandwiches
- 31 Gridiron stats
- 32 Loafed around
- 33 Wahine's welcome
- 36 Judicial order
- 39 Look after
- 40 Roman naturalist
- 41 Not chubby
- 42 Miscellany
- 43 Phoenix suburb
- 44 Form a gully
- 45 Defective firecracker
- 46 Bee's posterior
- 48 Wagner oeuvres
- 51 Don Ho's neckwear
- 52 Beach sandal (hyph.)
- 54 Cozy coverlet
- 59 "La Bonita"
- 60 Waffle maker
- 62 Beyond banal
- 63 Boo and hiss
- 64 Agrippina's son
- 65 Untouchables, e.g.
- 66 Prof.
- 67 Raised
- 68 Lucy's friend

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- 1 Baja Ms.
 - 2 Exude moisture
 - 3 Marshal Wyatt
 - 4 Blarney Stone locale
 - 5 Frisked about
 - 6 Antenna type
 - 7 Cinnamon goody
 - 8 Sci-fi gofer
 - 9 Not deserving
 - 10 Hand-dyed fabrics
 - 11 Leave in awe
 - 12 Drills holes
 - 13 Was very thrifty
 - 21 Bluesy Aykroyd
 - 23 Goose egg
 - 25 Choir selection
 - 27 Beatles' meter maid
 - 28 Idyllic spot
 - 29 Wrist-to-elbow bone
 - 30 King-sized item
 - 34 Mouth part
 - 35 Tatum or Ryan
 - 36 Latch onto
 - 37 -de-camp
 - 38 Feds (hyph.)
 - 40 Biking
 - 41 Marquee notice of old
 - 43 Domain
 - 44 Big building
 - 45 Take off
 - 47 Princess Di's niece
 - 48 Mary-Kate or Ashley
 - 49 Mounds
 - 50 More ticked off
 - 52 Tasman discovery
 - 53 Sponge feature
 - 55 Annoying insect
 - 56 Greasy-spoon fare
 - 57 Kitty starter
 - 58 Tibet explorer
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 - 61 Without delay



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Becoming a becoming restaurant

Be it casual, posh or funky, a great restaurant's success is in providing a place to commune around inspiring food. Two very different restaurants recently celebrating their first year in business have that down: Both Newton's B Street and Jamaica Plain's Tres Gatos are small, neighborhood hangs with incredible kitchen know-how. Oh, and cool music, too.

Elli Kaplansky switched her Pie Cafe to B Street, a smart, warm-hued bistro with live music (mostly jazz). Music plays second fiddle to chef Scott Keith's beautifully balanced dishes, though. The menu might read as standard, but Keith is an artful hand at subtly accentuating such things as hummus (his is laced with pumpkin) or a duck confit flatbread (Keith delicately seasons

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470 Centre St., Jamaica Plain
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it with gorgonzola cheese and brightens with fig jam) and reinvigorating them.

Over in Jamaica Plain, David Doyle turned his indie book and music emporium Rhythm & Muse into Tres Gatos Tapas Bar. He wisely kept the music and literature offerings; the venue is now a store within a restaurant where DJs spin, say, some Django Reinhardt. The restaurant centers around a bar and is cozy and soothing. Chef Marcos Sanchez offers nibble-sized pinchos and Spanish cheese and cured meats plates. His smartly arranged tapas are finessed combinations, such as a soft EVOO-poached tuna atop spicy mustard greens spiked with refreshing fennel. A warm, welcoming atmosphere counts for a lot, but B Street and Tres Gatos have their culinary endgame down too.



► B Street, top photo, was once Pie Cafe. Tres Gatos, below, was once book and music emporium Rhythm & Muse. Now they are both great restaurants celebrating their first anniversaries.



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What to eat

► At B Street, mussels are steamed in Belgium lager and lots of butter. For dessert, the four-layer coconut cake is more a creamy trifle with barely there sponge. Entrees: \$14-\$27.

► At Tres Gatos, the tortilla Espanola is a thick, moist potato cake with a spicy pimiento aioli. The almond cake tops velvety tarragon semi-freddo spiked with sherry. Three tapas: \$18-\$30.

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Oberhofer

over the moon

SEBASTIAN MILYARSKI

Brad Oberhofer has many reasons to be cheerful. This month, the Brooklyn-based 21-year-old releases what is dubbed a debut, the optimistic orchestral pop album "Time Capsules II," on top-notch indie label Glassnote Records. He and his band, who go under the moniker Oberhofer, spent last fall recording it with Grammy Award-winning producer Steve Lillywhite — whose résumé includes U2, Rolling Stones and Dave Matthews Band. In short, wow, what a time he's having — especially today.

"I just ate a delicious cookie," Oberhofer says gleefully. His aunt in Santa Barbara sent him 10 homemade chocolate-chip cookies, but he didn't eat them all at once. "I like to savor them. I had a couple a day and saved this one all day yesterday. But I decided that it's the day before the tour, so it's a good day to eat it."

Savoring sweet spots is what it's all about. Oberhofer's cheer is only interrupted by the question of why his so-called debut album is called "Time Capsules II."

"Well, this isn't actually my first album. ... I don't want to talk about it."

OK then. So, it's swiftly back to the moment! The spring tour sees Oberhofer play Coachella for the first time, adding another

► Singer readies 'Time Capsules II' ► Whether or not there was a 'Time Capsules I,' he refuses to say ► He'd prefer to talk about cookies



► Even though this photo and the quotes from Brad Oberhofer may lead you to believe he is very abstract, he and his band are actually quite easy to get into.

Choco song

Oberhofer says his influences include "everything that I've ever experienced."

► Can we expect a chocolate-chip cookie song at some

point? "It won't become a song, but it will end up influencing a melody. ... I believe that everything anyone ever hears influences them. I like listening to Tchaikovsky, but I don't think that influences me more than a cheesy pop song I hear in the store."

er thrill to his collection.

"I'm so excited — not nervous at all," Oberhofer insists. "I just play as hard as I can play every single time I ever play anything. If that's not good enough, then, whatever."

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► Leonidas Kavakos is at Symphony Hall starting Tuesday.

Lutoslawski's "Musique funebre," a eulogy for Bartok, and Beethoven's 4th symphony, hardly a minor achievement, but one often overshadowed by the German master's most legendary compositions.

Kasabian

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
House of Blues
15 Lansdowne St., Boston
\$23, 800-745-3000
www.livenation.com

British rockers Kasabian emerged in the late '90s, the era of Britpop; but, like the Floyd to Oasis' Beatles, they were too spacy and psychedelic to be lumped



► Tom Meighan of Kasabian rocks out.

into that movement. Their latest album, "Velociraptor!" was produced by Dan the Automator, who accentuated the psych-funk beat that underpins their sound, creating tracks both tight and expansive.

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MUSIC



Essential Tchaikovsky

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THEATER

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COMEDY

Women in Comedy Festival Through Sunday

Various locations
Prices vary, www.womenincomedyfestival.com
The fourth annual installment of this festival includes headliners Wendy Liebman and Carol Leifer. But that's just one small part of it. On the schedule are 27 shows, 225 comedians, 11 work-



► Wendy Liebman is just one of the many funny ladies at the Women in Comedy Festival.

shops and one free panel hosted by Joyce Kulhawik — who is, incidentally, a very funny woman.

TALKS

Kevin Smith

Tonight, 7
Coolidge Corner Theatre
290 Harvard St., Brookline
\$28, 617-734-2500
www.coolidge.org
Comic book nerd/filmmaker Kevin Smith's live appearances are always amusing, both for his self-deprecating attitude toward his fame and for the odd

stories of it that he shares with the audience. He's appearing in support of his new memoir "Tough Sh*t: Life Advice from a Fat, Lazy Slob Who Did Good," which is full of such stories.

Strategy: 'SNL's Remarkable Influence Over Politics Through Satire

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
C. Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University, 55 Temple St., Boston
Free, 617-557-2007
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THEATER

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A look at Boston's four

► Syracuse, the favorite ► Cincy, the dark horse ► NCAA tourney invades TD Garden for second time in four years ► Sullinger, Ohio State ready to dance in Thursday's nightcap

The last time TD Garden hosted an NCAA tournament regional, the games had a decidedly Big East feel. It was 2009 and both Pittsburgh and Villanova scored wins to reach the Elite 8 before 'Nova advanced to the Final Four with a victory over the Panthers.

There is a chance for a repeat performance this week with Big East standouts Syracuse and Cincinnati playing Thursday night at the Garden. However, both will contend with a pair of Big Ten powers intent on proving that theirs is the best conference in the land. Here is a look at the matchups:

No. 4 Wisconsin vs. No. 1 Syracuse, 7:15 p.m.

The Orange were the top scoring team in the Big East this season and looked like it with

a 50-point second half in their win over Kansas State on Saturday. The Badgers were the No. 1 defensive team in the nation and looked like it in allowing an average of 53.0 points through the first two games of the tourney.

There are two scenarios to keep in mind. First, Wisconsin drew a boatload of offensive fouls in its third-round win over Vanderbilt. If the Orange maintain the high-paced attack that seemed to work in the second half against the Wildcats, expect the cagey Badgers to attempt to try and exploit this aggressiveness. Also, Kansas State grabbed an alarming 25 offensive rebounds, perhaps a sign that the absence of 7-footer Fab Melo will be difficult for Syracuse to overcome against stiffer competition.



► Jared Sullinger



► Jordan Taylor



► Scoop Jardine



► Yancy Gates

No. 6 Cincinnati vs. No. 2 Ohio State, 9:45 p.m.

From an ugly loss to Presbyterian in November and an ugly brawl against Xavier in December to a solid Big East run that included seven wins over ranked league mates (including Syracuse in the Big East tournament), it's been a wild ride for the Bearcats.

Their season will become even more intriguing if they can knock off the powerful Buckeyes, who showcased a balanced effort in a third-round win over Gonzaga. These are two of the four teams from Ohio remaining in the tournament. As a historical note, Cincy topped Ohio State in the 1961 and 1962 national title games.

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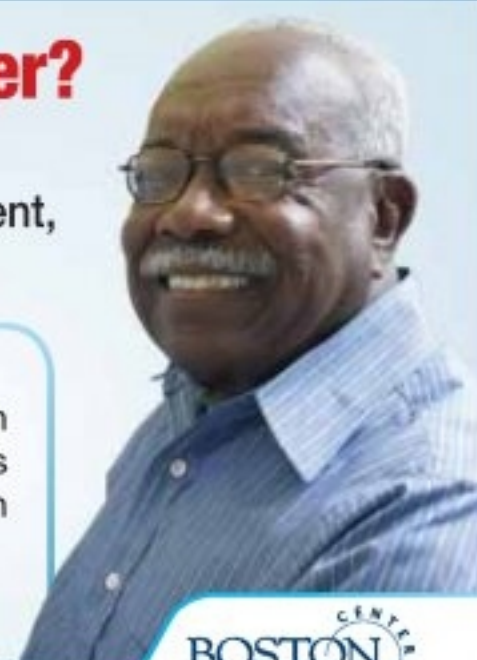
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NFL slams New Orleans

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Head coach Sean Payton was dealt the most crushing blow as he will be suspended for a year by the league, without pay. Former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams was suspended indefinitely. The Saints were also fined \$500,000 and docked two second round draft picks.

Green-Ellis goes to Cincy

"The Law Firm" is relocating.

Free agent running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis agreed to a three-year deal with the Bengals after four years with the Patriots. **METRO**

Tebow to NY a disaster

► Trade on again, off again, on again ► Bumbling Jets reliving same old ugly blunders of years past ► Let the controversy begin

Tim Tebow could still very well be a solid, maybe even great NFL quarterback.

But getting to the level of a Tom Brady, Drew Brees or even a Matt Schaub got a whole hell of a lot harder for Tebow yesterday as he was traded to the Jets along with a seventh round pick in exchange for fourth- and sixth-round picks in 2012.

New York was the worst possible spot for Tebow-mania to resume.

He is not guaranteed a starting job with the Jets, he is heading to a locker room that reached cataclysmic levels just a few months ago, he now has a loud mouth, not-so-holy head coach in charge of his future and his religious beliefs will create endless and unprece-

Trade timeline

► **Glazer reports** (12:45 p.m.) FOX Sports' Jay Glazer breaks the news of the trade on Twitter

► **Jets confirm** (12:50 p.m.) The team's official Twitter account confirms the trade

► **Snag surfaces** (3:13 p.m.) ESPN's Adam Schefter reports that Jets didn't fully read contract as money issue came to light

► **Back on** (9:10 p.m.) The Jets reluctantly agreed to pay the Broncos \$2.5 million fee.

dented media storms for as long as he plays in East Rutherford, N.J.

In other words, there is a 90 percent chance that this ends badly for both Tebow and the Jets.

The Patriots, who were mentioned as a possible destination for Tebow, had to have had a good laugh yesterday. With all his flaws as an NFL quarterback, Tebow could have



► Mark Sanchez, left, and Tim Tebow, right, are set to be teammates in New York.

learned under a great quarterback like Brady or Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers.

The other safe route could have had him going to Jacksonville or Miami, places where he would undoubtedly get the starting nod and places where he would have been regarded as a savior even if he endured rough patches during his progression.

Instead, Tebow and current

Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez (who signed a three-year contract extension with the Jets just two weeks ago) will be involved in a quarterback controversy (never a good thing for a team with Super Bowl aspirations) that has a chance to span the entire 2012 season or longer.

Again, there is a 10 percent chance that this works out. Maybe Tebow will prove his worth as a starting NFL QB.

Maybe he'll lead the Jets on a magical run. Maybe he'll ease up on the religious stuff in order to avoid any type of controversy that will arise. Maybe he'll play so well that the Jets trade Sanchez.

It's a gamble that no other team in the NFL would take ... except the Jets.

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